29. (NEW) The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein the apparatus is integrated in one of a car radio receiver and a car radio receiver/mobile telephone appliance.

- 30. (NEW) The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, wherein said transmitting/receiving unit transmits the output data to at least one of the control center and a predetermined receiver.
- 31. (NEW) A method for data acquisition of input signals for a control center, in particular of operating data relating to one of a vehicle and a machine, supplied via at least one input interface, said method comprising:

storing recording rules preset by the control center for short-term monitoring of information derived from the input signals;

recording selected input signals at predetermined times in accordance with the recording rules;

processing the input signals to derive output data in accordance with predetermined rules; and

transmitting, at least one of automatically and on request, the output data to at least one of the control center and a predetermined addressee.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the English translation as filed. It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-15 have been canceled and claims 16-31 have been added. Thus, claims 16-31 are pending and are under consideration.

A substitute specification is also being filed herewith. The substitute specification is accompanied by a marked-up copy of the original specification.

If there are any questions regarding these matters, such questions can be addressed by telephone to the undersigned. Otherwise, an early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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